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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**In Re Application of Meier, W. et al.****Filing Date: July 13, 2000****Examiner: G. Kishore****Serial No.: 09/615,305****Art Unit: 1615****Title: Amphiphilic Copolymer Vesicles**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

The following comments and amendments are submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on March 26, 2003. This response is accompanied by a request for a one month extension of time and the requisite fee.

REMARKSRejections

All pending claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, for allegedly containing subject matter not described in the application- for use of the term "hollow".

Claim 17 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for use of the term "molecule".

Claims 1, 3-6, 9-14, 16-20, 29, and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by WO 97/49387 ("Wooley").

Claims 1, 10, 12, 17, and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(c) as being anticipated by U.S. 6,008,184 ("Pluyter").

Claims 1, 10, 12, 17, and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. 5,891,468 ("Martin").